Depressed Classes.

Depressed classes pupils in Satyamangalam Elementary Board School and Dharapuram Municipal Schools.

65 Q.—Mr. R. Veerian: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that no free school books, slates and pencils are being supplied to the pupils of the depressed classes who are reading in the Satyamangalam Elementary Board School run by the Gobichettipalayam Taluk Board, Coimbatore district; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that no free school books, slates and pencils are being supplied to the pupils of the depressed classes reading in the Dharapuram Municipal Elementary Schools, though the Coimbatore District Educational Council made a recommendation to the Dharapuram Municipality to that effect?

A.—The Government have no information but understand that there is no general practice in the Presidency of local bodies supplying free the articles referred to.

District Board.

Election of district board presidents.

66 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what district boards in this Province made representations to the Government during the last three years for the grant of the privilege of electing their presidents, and when; and

(*b*) what orders were passed by the Government in each of these cases and when and for what reasons?

A.—The following statement is laid on the table:—

Name of district board that applied for the privilege of electing its president.	Date of the resolution of the district board.	Orders of Government with reasons.	Date of Government Order.
Anantapur ..	January 1923 received 4th March 1923.	The President had already been appointed, and the resolution of the board was that the elective privilege should be granted when the Presidentship again fell vacant. No orders were necessary.	8th March 1923.
Bellary ..	July 1922 ..	The Government considered that the condition of the Board required that the President should be nominated by them.	16th October 1922.
Chittoor ..	Date not given.	Do. do.	6th July 1923.